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SUBJECT: FY '74 COMMERCIAL ACTION PROGRAM

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1. REGRET DELAY IN REPLYING TO STATE 31494, CAUSED BY COUNTRY TEAM INVOLVEMENT IN CASP PREPARATION, AND UNUSUAL ECONOMIC REPORTING REQUIREMENTS DURING CURRENT MONTH. OUR RESPONSE WILL REACH YOU WEEK OF APRIL 1.

2. EMBASSY IS VERY PLEASED THAT WASHINGTON OFFICERS CAN PARTICIPATE DURING WEEK OF MAY 27 IN PROPOSED CARICOM COMMERCIAL OFFICERS' CONFERENCE IN TOBAGO. ALTHOUGH REPLIES HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED FROM OUT LETTER TO OTHER POSTS, WE WILL PROCEED TO MAKE TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, AND WILL CABLE DEPT AND POSTS A DETAILED OUTLINE FOR THE CONFERENCE. IN ADDITION TO AGENDA PROPOSED POS 1636, AND AMENDED BY STATE 31494, IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL TOPICS: (A) EFFECTS OF INCREASED PETROLEUM IMPORT BILLS ON OVERALL CARICOM TRADE PATTERNS; AND (B) A DISCUSSION OF CARICOM AND FORTHCOMING MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT CONFERENCE LAST TWO FULL DAYS, --MAY 28 AND 29--WITH PARTICIPANTS ARRIVING MAY 27 AND DEPARTING MAY 30. THIS WOULD PERMIT THREE HALF-DAY SESSIONS FOR AGENDA TOPICS, AND ONE HALF-DAY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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CARICOM GUEST OFFICIALS. WILL THIS SCHEDULE MESH CONVENIENTLY

WITH WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS' POST-CARACAS PLANS?  
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